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SUBJECT: SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE

REF: SEOUL 5584

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH POL COUNSELOR, CHIEF
ROK SOUTH-NORTH RED CROSS NEGOTIATOR YI BUM SUK GAVE FOLLOWING
BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS ON CURRENT STATE OF SOUTH-
NORTH CONTACTS.

2. YI SAID THAT AT PRESENT LIAISON CONTACTS AT
PANMUNJUM ARE CONTINUING BUT THERE IS NO CLEAR
INDICATION SO FAR AS TO NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS RE
RED CROSS TALKS. SAID ROKG HAS NOTED THAT NORTH
KOREANS CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM REFERRING TO RED
CROSS TALKS IN THE AUGUST 28 STATEMENT. CONSEQUENTLY,
IT IS YI'S INITIAL ASSESSMENT THAT NORTH KOREANS DO
NOT INTEND TO BREAK OFF RED CROSS CHANNEL OF CONTACT.

3. YI SAID HE IS MEETING WITH ROK CIA DIRECTOR
YI HU-RAK AUGUST 31 TO REITERATE RECOMMENDATION

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THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO PROPOSE DATES AND ARRANGEMENTS

FOR SEPTEMBER RED CROSS MEETING IN SEOUL (REFTEL).
YI BID THAT BEFORE NORTH KOREAN AUGUST 28 STATEMENT,
HIS RECOMMENDATION HAD BEEN HELD UP BY ROK CIA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR YI CHOL-HUI, WHO YI CHARACTERIZED AS
"THE DUMBEST MAN IN KOREA". YI BELIEVES THAT, NOW MORE
THAN EVER, IT IS NECESSARY TO PRESS NORTH KOREANS
ON RED CROSS TALKS TO HIGHLIGHT THE ROK'S DESIRE TO
CONTINUE DIALOGUE.

4. YI ALSO GAVE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON NORTH
KOREAN AUGUST 28 STATEMENT. ACCORDING YI, NORTH KOREAN SIDE ASKED
ASKED FOR MEETING BETWEEN COORDINATING COMMITTEE SECRETARIES
AT 1700 HOURS ON AUGUST 28. AT THAT TIME ROK
SECRETARY WAS HANDED SEALED LETTER FOR DELIVERY TO YI
HU-RAK. LETTER CONTAINED TEXT OF KIM YONG-CHU'S
STATEMENT ON YI HU-RAK AND SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING
COMMITTEE. STATEMENT WAS BROADCAST ONE HOUR
LATER ON DPRK RADIO.
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